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Soviet Troops in Brandenburg

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officers were seen walking from the installation to the building. All of the officers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

6. Prior to 16 February, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was still occupied by the artillery unit which had been previously observed there.

7. Up to 16 February, the Flak Kaserne quartered at least 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Few watchtowers had been erected along the front of the installation. Six 85-mm AT guns were in the yard on 14 February.

the troops would soon leave for the Altengrabow (M 53/E 00) troop training grounds and stay there for the duration of the summer. *

8. A column of eight tractors towing four artillery pieces of about 180-mm, which were broken into two loads for road movement; was seen driving toward Britz airfield from the direction of Brandenburg on 15 February. The gun carriages were equipped with caterpillar tracks. The gun crews sat on the tractors towing the barrel carrier, but two men each sat on either side of the gun carriage.

* Comment. The report confirms previous conclusions regarding the identity of the units carried in the barracks installations in Brandenburg. For the first time since the 1951 fall maneuvers, the present report mentions 100-mm AT guns in the Flak Kaserne and thus fairly definitely proves the location there of a light or medium and of a heavy AT artillery regiment of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig.

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